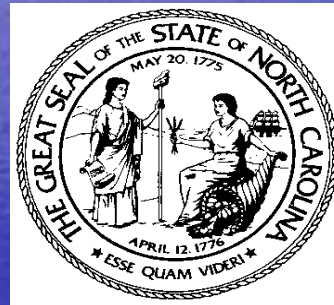


NC Department of Administration

Division of Veterans Affairs



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“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by our nation.”

George Washington, 1789

Bottom Line First

➤ FY 2011 US Department of Veterans Affairs

➤ \$4.2 Billion

- \$ 2.04 B – Compensation & Pension
- \$ 1.3 B – Health Care
- \$13.8 M – Construction
- \$ 330 M – Education & Vocational Rehab
- Construction, Insurance, etc.

Bottom Line First

➤ Veteran Population

➤ FY 2011 – 765,942

➤ FY 2012 – 760,544

➤ - 0.7%

➤ Compensation & Pension

➤ FY 2011 - \$2.04 B

➤ FY 2012 - \$2.42 B

➤ + 21.12%

Bottom Line First

➤ Per Capita – North Carolina

➤ FY 2011 - \$2,612

➤ FY 2012 - \$3,186

➤ + 18%

➤ 190,560 Veterans receive medical care from VA (cost shift)

North Carolina Veterans Facts

(FY 2012)

- 760,544 Veterans (10th in the US)
- 70,000+ Women Veterans (6th in the US)
- 13.23% of the state population are veterans
- 35% of NC population are either military, veteran, spouse, parent, or dependent
- 6th in the US in VA \$
- 4th in US in Compensation and Pension \$

Federal Benefits

- Compensation
- Health Care
- Need-based Programs
- Educational Assistance
- Vocational Rehabilitation

State Benefits

- Representation
 - File claims
 - Appeals
- Scholarships
- Cemeteries
- Skilled Nursing Care
- Ombudsman

Who Does What

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)
 - VA Regional Office (Winston-Salem)
 - Develop & Adjudicate Claims
 - Reconsideration & Decision Review Officers
 - Host Appeal Hearings

Who Does What

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Veterans Health Administration (VHA)
 - VISN-6 (Durham)
 - 4 VA Medical Centers
 - 17 Community Based Outpatient Clinics
 - Homelessness
 - Women Veterans
 - Veterans Justice Outreach

Who Does What

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 - National Cemetery Administration
 - Grant Program (Construction & Expansion)
 - National Veterans Cemeteries
 - **Salisbury** (only active)
 - New Bern
 - Wilmington
 - Raleigh
 - Oversight of State Veterans Cemeteries

Who Does What

- NC Division of Veterans Affairs
 - Assistant Secretary's Office (Raleigh)
 - State Service Office (Winston-Salem)
 - District Service Offices (13)
 - State Veterans Homes (4)
 - State Veterans Cemeteries (3)

District Veterans Service Offices

- 13 District Offices strategically located from Elizabeth City to Canton
- Offices are staffed by one or more Service Officers with clerical support
 - Highly trained and accredited
 - Provide services directly to veterans and their dependents
 - Train, assist, and provide quality control for affiliated County Veterans Service Officers
- Provide assistance with the scholarship application process

State Veterans Service Office

- Located in the Regional Office, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Winston Salem, NC
- Responsible for coordinating with US Department of Veterans Affairs
- Receive claims from District Offices
- Conduct file reviews
- Provide representation for appeal hearings held at Regional Office

Who Does What

- County Veterans Service Offices
 - 66 – 1 or more FT, Accredited Svc Officers
 - 26 – PT Service Officer (most not accredited)
 - 8 – No Service Officer

Affiliated County Veterans Service Offices

- Employees hired & supervised by respective county
- Process claims
- Advise Veterans on benefits
- Limited role in State benefits

State Veterans Homes

➤ 4 State Veterans Homes

- Black Mountain

- Salisbury

- Fayetteville

- Kinston

➤ 449 Beds

➤ More than 750 jobs

State Veterans Homes

- All therapies
- Full time dietician
- 24-hour nursing
- Pharmacy
- Veterans Service Officer
- Hospice
- Chaplain on staff

Eligibility

- Served on active duty (other than for training)
- Discharged under honorable conditions
- Resident of North Carolina 24 months prior to date of application
- Be referred by licensed physician
- Be disabled
 - Age, disease, or other reasons determined through a physical exam

Admissions

- 24/7
- US VA benefits and per diem for eligible veterans
- Medicare, Medicaid, commercial insurance, and private pay
- Preadmission tours available
- Contact Admissions Coordinator at respective facility for more information or admission
- 100% receipt-based

State Veterans Cemeteries

- Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery
 - Black Mountain, NC
- Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery
 - Jacksonville, NC
- Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
 - Spring Lake, NC

Eligibility

- Served on active duty (other than for training)
- Discharged under honorable conditions
- North Carolina resident
- Dependent burial includes spouse, widow or widower of qualified veteran, or minor child who is unmarried or handicapped child regardless of age
- Pre-verification available at each cemetery

Benefits

- Plot
- Opening/closing of grave
- Marker
- Perpetual care
- Markers provided by VA

Extra inscriptions can be added at no expense to the family

Scholarships for Children of War Veterans

In appreciation for the service and sacrifices of North Carolina's war veterans, a four-year scholarship program at approved schools in North Carolina has been established for the qualifying children of certain deceased, disabled, combat or POW/MIA veterans.

Scholarship Program (Continued)

- Provides scholarships to children of eligible Veterans who entered Military Service from North Carolina
- Four Year Scholarship
- Accredited institutions in the State of North Carolina
- Apply District Service Offices and County Veterans Service Offices

Criteria and Qualifications

- The applicant must: be under age 25 at time of application
- Natural child (or adopted prior to age 15) of qualifying veteran parent
- Domiciled in NC at application
- The veteran's disabilities/death must have occurred during a period of war

Criteria and Qualifications (Continued)

- Meet 1 of following:
 - Veteran parent was a legal resident of North Carolina at the time of entrance into the armed forces
- OR
- Child born in NC and continuous resident of NC
 - (Waiver possible if mother native born NC)

Criteria and Qualifications continued

- For Classes II and III, which are competitive, the application must be received in the Assistant Secretary's Office on or before March 1st. There is no deadline for Classes IA, IB, or IV.
- For additional information refer to the classes chart (synopsis of the scholarships offered) on website: www.ncveterans.com or www.ncveterans.net

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